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Office Action Summary

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Applicant(s)

AGARWAL ET AL. 

Examiner

DAVID VU

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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
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- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 26 August 2002.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 51-58 and 71 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 51-55 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☒ Claim(s) 56-58 and 71 are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 29 December 2001 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892) 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 3) ☒ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) 3&5. 6) ☐ Other: _____

DETAILED ACTION

Election/ Restriction

1. Application's election without traverse of Group I (Claims 51-55) in Paper No.8 is acknowledge.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(e) the invention was described in a patent granted on an application for patent by another filed in the United States before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent, or on an international application by another who has fulfilled the requirements of paragraphs (1), (2), and (4) of section 371(c) of this title before the invention thereof by the applicant for patent.

The changes made to 35 U.S.C. 102(e) by the American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA) do not apply to the examination of this application as the application being examined was not (1) filed on or after November 29, 2000, or (2) voluntarily published under 35 U.S.C. 122(b). Therefore, this application is examined under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) prior to the amendment by the AIPA (pre-AIPA 35 U.S.C. 102(e)).

2. Claim 51 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Uzoh et al., (US 6,409,904).

Uzoh et al, in related text (Col. 12, Lines 20-27&Col. 7, Lines 21-53) and figures (Figs. 4A-4B) disclose an integrated circuit comprising an enhanced-surface-area electrically

conductive ruthenium -containing layer having a textured surface with a mean feature size of at least about 100 Angstroms.

3. Claim 52 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Uzoh et al., (US 6,409,904).

Uzoh et al, in related text (Col. 12, Lines 20-27&Col. 7, Lines 21-53) and figures (Figs. 4A-4B) disclose an integrated circuit comprising an enhanced-surface-area electrically conductive nitrogen-passivated ruthenium -containing layer having a textured surface with a mean feature size of at least about 100 Angstroms.

4. Claim 53 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Uzoh et al., (US 6,409,904).

Uzoh et al, in related text (Col. 12, Lines 20-27&Col. 7, Lines 21-53) and figures (Figs. 4A-4B) disclose an integrated circuit comprising an enhanced-surface-area electrically conductive nitrogen-passivated and oxygen-passivated ruthenium -containing layer having a textured surface with a mean feature size of at least about 100 Angstroms.

5. Claim 54 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Uzoh et al., (US 6,409,904).

Uzoh et al, in related text (Col. 12, Lines 20-27) and figures (Figs. 4A-4B) disclose an integrated circuit comprising a nitrogen-passivated ruthenium -containing layer.

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6. Claim 55 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(e) as being anticipated by Uzoh et al., (US 6,409,904).

Uzoh et al, in related text (Col. 12, Lines 20-27) and figures (Figs. 4A-4B) disclose an integrated circuit comprising a nitrogen-passivated and oxygen-passivated ruthenium - containing layer.

Conclusion

7. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to David Vu whose telephone number is (703) 305-0391. The examiner can normally be reached on Monday-Friday from 8:00am to 5:00pm.

If attempt to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, David Nelms., can be reached on (703) 308-4910.

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